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Timely Tidbits ...

Police Officers Work Special Road Detail

During the late-night and early-morning hours following the Red Wings' first playoff win at Joe Louis Arena last week, 10 officers from the Romulus, Allen Park, Huron Township, and Van Buren police departments and the Michigan State Police Metro South Post patrolled I-94 and I-275, looking for intoxicated drivers. The special enforcement detail was the first in a series of eight such efforts that will be conducted between now and the end of August, providing a combined total of more than 420 hours of patrol time on area freeways.

A \$15,000 grant from the Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) will furnish funding for the four local police departments that will be participating in the project.

"OHSP contacted our department based upon the number of accidents that result in injuries and fatalities within this area of Wayne County," explained Executive Lieutenant Eric Painter of the Romulus Police Department.

As a result of the first enforcement effort, four drivers were arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants. A total of 100 vehicles were stopped for traffic infractions ranging from the OUILs to speeding, seat-belt violations, and other transgressions. Traffic citations were issued to 77 motorists and another 23 were given verbal warnings.

"Our officers reported a lot of Red Wing stickers and flags flying from the cars," Painter stated. "Fortunately, most of the people in those cars were driving responsibly. We were pleased to see that, of the many fans who enjoyed the Red Wings' victory, the vast majority did their celebrating and driving with their enjoyment and safety in mind."

"We hope that this pattern will continue," he concluded. "We want to make sure that the highways are safe for all fans."

The next detail is planned for the second week of May. □

"Seniors" Come Together for Prom



Tower resident Chris Baker was escorted by her grandson, Chris Luther.

By Kristi Stephens

The people at Romulus Tower have given new meaning to the term "senior prom."

On April 22, approximately 70 residents of the senior-citizen apartments were joined by a dozen seniors from Romulus High School and other guests to relive one of life's most special moments: prom night.

The Tower's multipurpose room, where the event was held, was decorated with "Mardi Gras" colors of purple, gold, and green. Seniors and seniors danced together to music performed by "Grupo Celebración," then enjoyed hors d'oeuvre sandwiches, fresh fruit, cake, and ice-cream punch.



Wuneetha Stevens (left) and Mary Ferch enjoy the calypso music of "Grupo Celebración."



(From left) Romulus High School seniors Signora Armstrong, Dezzera Freeman, Greg Scott, Jerome Tabb, Alexa Pittman, Patrice Carter, Renee Ervin, Bupé Mulenga, Sarah Zilka, and D'Aun Dawson enjoyed an afternoon of music, dancing, and refreshments with "seniors from a different class" at the Romulus Tower Senior Prom.

Romulus Tower Manager Audry Moomaw – who organized the event with the help of staffers Cindy Semczuk, Debra Wierzbicki, and Randy Dumas – was happy that everyone's hard work paid off so successfully.

"It took the efforts of many people to bring our 'senior prom' together," said Moomaw. "Several of our residents also

deserve thanks for their work on the project, especially Dorothy Gierak, who made a number of 'apple-dapple' cakes for our refreshment table.

"We would also like to thank the students who served as escorts for the afternoon, as well as Rosalie Berlinn, the senior class advisor, for helping to organize their participation." □

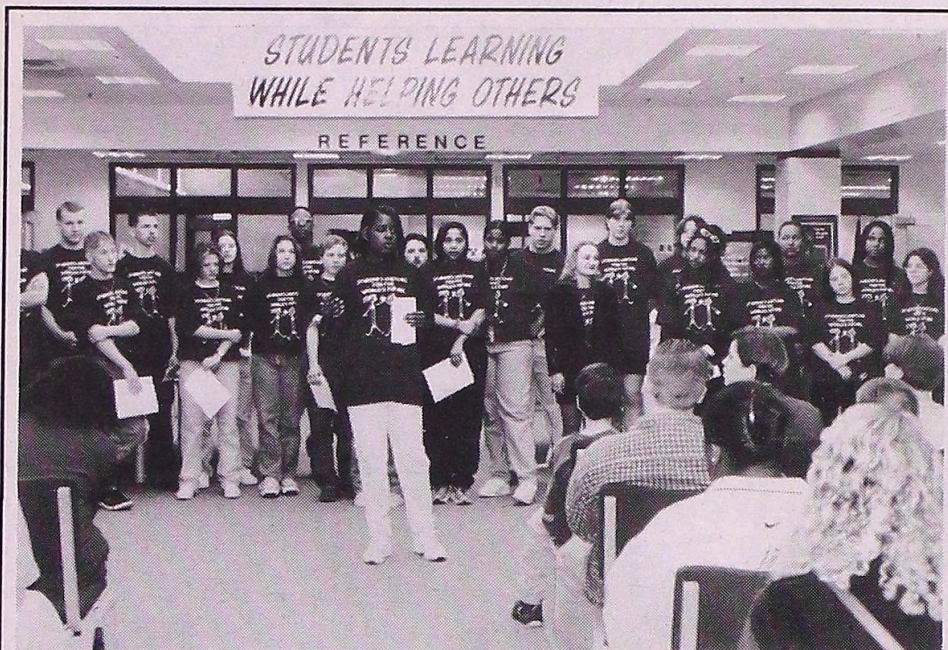


Tower resident Dorothy Flagg was accompanied by her son, Chuck Flagg.



Romulus High School senior Brian Booker dances with Tower senior Doris Mackie.

Symposium Focus: Students United for a Better World



Romulus High School junior Novia Edwards explains the symposium's agenda to visiting students.

The fifth annual Romulus High School Student Symposium – entitled "Students United for a Better World" – educated and entertained more than 125 high-school students from nine neighboring school districts on April 29. The Romulus students who organized the event took on the enormous task of researching, scripting, and facilitating presentations on the military, animal activism, equality for women, domestic violence, hopelessness, and service learning in order to educate other young people on these timely issues, and show them how they can get involved and what they can do to help.

"The symposium experience provides students with an opportunity to identify social issues, problem-solve through organized activities, and be-

come contributing members of society through performing community service," explained Kathy Hurst, who, as the High School's Service Learning Coordinator, supervised the student project.

The symposium began in the media center, where participants viewed displays, met other students, and heard opening remarks by a number of Romulus High School students. The program continued with three presentations each of the six topics covered.

High schools represented at the symposium were Willow Run, Thurston, Annapolis, Ann Arbor, Trenton, Greenhills, Ypsilanti, and Crestwood.

The symposium was a great success, generating many positive comments from the students and adults who were in attendance. □

Fund Raiser Kicks Off Campaign



Approximately 120 supporters joined 34th District Court judicial candidate Brian Oakley at his first official campaign fund-raiser, held at Lou Abraham's Filling Station in Huron Township. Among those in attendance was retiring Judge Henry Zaborowski, whom Oakley hopes to succeed. "If I could choose my own replacement, Brian would be the one," said Zaborowski. For campaign information, call 941-4296.

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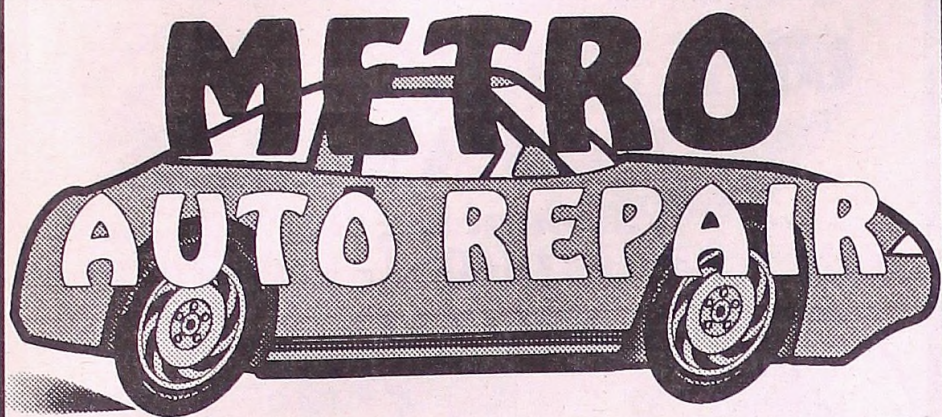
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SAAS Program Teaches the Dangers of Drugs, Alcohol



SAAS Director Matthew Cahill (standing, right) supervised (back row, from left) Romulus High School students Carlisle Pace, Amanda Clark, James Glass, Alexis Houston, Bruce Donald, and Tommie Alexander as they judged winning essays written by (front row, from left) Wick School students Jerry Collie, Jr., Treamayne Matthews, James Davis, Amanda Cooper, Rhiannon Crawford, and Christian Hadden.

A number of Romulus High School students are working hard to keep elementary students from trying or using drugs and alcohol. These students are members of the powerful and successful Students Against Addictive Substances (SAAS) group which meets weekly in the High School.

One program used by this anti-drug and -alcohol group was an essay contest for youngsters attending Wick Elementary School. The six students who were selected as winners received a certificate of appreciation and tickets to any Showcase Cinema Theater.

Matthew Cahill, SAAS Director, believes that the key to success is early involvement.

"All the research I have read shows that most drug and alcohol abusers started when they were young," he stated. "Our program lets boys and girls know about the dangers of drug and alcohol use and the damage these substances can do to both their bodies and their minds. Our high-school students are fantastic, creative, and effective in conveying that message."

One winning essay illustrated the terrible effect that alcohol can have on a family.

"My biological father was an alcoholic," the student wrote. "He was always drinking some kind of alcohol every time I saw him. Before long, he had lost everything due to his drinking. One of his greatest losses was respect. Especially from me."

Students also heard a rap song from students Tommie Alexander and James Glass, who stated their message this way:

*Drugs, it ends all dreams;
Drugs, ain't always what it seems.
Drugs causes disabilities,
So you better wake up and get back
to reality.*

The message was well received by the students, according to Wick teacher Diane Golka.

"People do not understand how early children develop their personality and life-style," Golka explained. "What these high-school students are doing might well save a life some day. The students will never know the good they have done."

The winning essays are reprinted below. Because some of the information is of a sensitive and personal nature, none are identified by a particular author. All of the essays are reprinted verbatim.

Alcohol and Drugs Kill!

Why am I against people young and old drinking alcohol and using drugs? Alcohol and drugs might not seem so bad except the fact that they Ruin Your Life! Alcohol can kill you just as easily as drugs can. It affects your heart, kills brain cells, and can give you numerous kinds of cancer and diseases. Well, I want to live, and I want to be healthy, but if I drink and smoke I won't be able to. I have better things to do. If you're very talented and want to make something of yourself, but you drink or smoke, forget about it. Drugs and alcohol are some of the worst things you can put into your body. So, if you think drinking and smoking will make you cool, think again, because Drugs and Alcohol Kill!

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Essays Argue Against Drug, Alcohol Use

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Why Children and Adults Should be Drug and Alcohol Free

I think children and adults should be free of drugs and alcohol because they can hurt someone if they get high or drunk. Is smoking and drinking cool? Do people have to smoke and drink to fit in?

Drugs are not cool and people don't have to do those things to fit in with a group. Evidently, they are putting their life in danger. Drugs are just pollutants to your body.

If kids see their parents smoking or drinking they might think it's the right thing to do. Really, it's not. Parents need to set examples for their children. Some pregnant women even smoke while the child is still in the body. That may cause a child to have problems.

Most families have both mother and father. The majority of the time both of the parents are in contact with drugs or alcohol. They can get a hangover or get high and end up hurting the child. That's not a good thing. Parents who do that shouldn't be a parent.

People should stop making these types of violent substances. The adults that have teens and kids, and the teens with kids should start being a role model. They should also set very good examples for their children. That's why I think adults and kids should stay drug free.

What Do You Think About Young People and Old People Drinking Alcohol?

How do you feel about young people and older people drinking alcohol?

Well, to me that is very inconsiderable for a young person to be drinking or even thinking about drinking alcohol. The same thing for older people!

It can cause a lot of accidents and other violence too! I'm just totally against it. Alcohol can mess up your life forever. It can kill your brain cells. You will have bad breath, it can also give you liver disease and heart trouble!!!!

Why would anyone want to put their life on the line over some stupid alcohol?!! Do you want all these bad things to happen to you??

I am a Honor Roll student and a tremendous athlete and a good sister. If I start to drink alcohol I wouldn't be any of these.

I hope you learned something from this. If anybody tells you that alcohol was meant for you, they are so wrong!

So remember, NEVER DRINK ALCOHOL!!!!!!

Alcohol Awareness

What is alcohol? To me, alcohol means sickness, addiction, or even death. Those are a few of the many reasons why I don't drink alcohol. I know these things by family experiences.

My biological father was an alcoholic. He was always drinking some

kind of alcohol everytime I saw him. Before long, he had lost everything due to his drinking. One of his greatest losses was respect. Especially from me. His drinking is a major reason why I don't live with him at the moment. Fortunately, he realized all the pain he was giving to me and the rest of the family, therefore, he decided to change his ways. Even today he is still my prime excuse for not drinking alcohol.

Even if he wasn't an ex-alcoholic or reminded me of the causes of alcohol, I still wouldn't do it. I don't want to destroy my body slowly and painfully. Alcohol damages the liver and kidneys and personally, I love my liver and kidneys. That's why I choose to be alcohol free. **Say No to Drugs and Alcohol**

If I were offered drugs or alcohol I would say no because it can harm you and get you in to a lot of trouble. Drugs and alcohol are bad because it messes up all your body functions. You should never drink and drive either because the results could be deadly and you can do harm to yourself and others. You could get all kinds of diseases like, cancer, heart disease, and mental problems. If someone offers you drugs say no and walk away. You should stop and think where those kind of people are going to be when they grow up. You should never do drugs or alcohol so you can have a bright future and have a good education.

DRUG Abuse!

I feel very bad about drugs because the people that make them continue to produce that product, and they know that it can hurt or even kill you. It's bad to see people care more about money than a person's life. If everybody would stop buying cigarettes and other drugs, they would stop producing them because they would not be making any money. It is also the consumers fault for buying drugs and they know that it's wrong. The police just tell people to say "no," but that is just not good enough. They should be more aggressive about getting there message out about using drugs. Then if all those things happen that I suggested nobody would have to worry about drugs anymore. □

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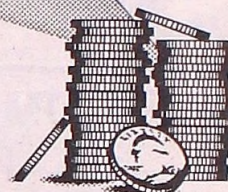
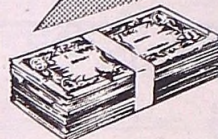
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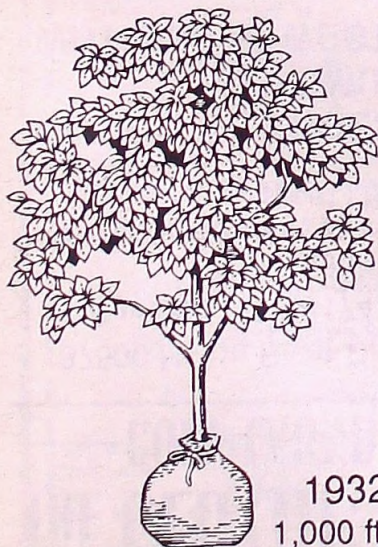
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New Weight Watchers Group Puts the Focus on Children



Barth physical-education teacher Sheila Stasak displays literature about Weight Watchers' new "healthy life-style" program, "1-2-3 Success!"

As a physical-education teacher at Barth Elementary, Sheila Stasak has a perfect opportunity to judge the overall fitness of the students at her school.

Unfortunately, she has found that some children are overweight, and aren't as healthy as they should be.

"I know what it's like to have trouble with your weight," said Stasak, who became a lifelong Weight Watchers member in her battle against the yo-yoing figures on her bathroom scale. "As kids enter their middle-school and high-school years, they face more than enough problems. They don't need the added stigma of - and health problems associated with - being overweight."

In her efforts to do more to help children become physically fit, Stasak has begun an afterschool Weight Watchers program that's specifically geared toward young people. The program is based on the popular new "1-2-3 Success!" program which Weight Watchers introduced last year. Meetings are held

in Room 3 at Barth School each Tuesday at 4 p.m. (Although the meetings are held at Barth, the program is not a school-sponsored activity, and Stasak conducts the meetings on her own time.) Cost is \$4 per week for students, \$10 per week for adults.

"Although children are the focus of the program, the meetings are open to everyone," Stasak explained. "Parents are encouraged to attend with their overweight child so that they can learn more about helping the child make better food and fitness choices for a healthier life-style."

In describing a typical meeting, Stasak said that "open registration" and weigh-ins take place from 4 to 4:30 p.m. The remainder of the meeting (usually an additional 15 to 30 minutes) is devoted to discussion of various topics of interest, such as changing habits and modifying behavior, making exercise a part of everyday life, and making healthy food choices, as well as the "1-2-3 Success!" program itself.

The afterschool program, still in its fledgling stage, has plenty of openings for new members. Stasak hopes that the program will be well established by the end of the school year so that it can continue throughout the summer.

To find out more about the afterschool Weight Watchers program, stop in at one of the weekly meetings or leave a message for Stasak at the school (941-2821). □

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RMS Students Honored

Romulus Middle School teachers selected a total of 33 students to receive a "Student of the Month" award based on the youths' exceptional behavioral and academic performance during the month of March.

With St. Patrick's Day in mind, students attending a brief ceremony in their honor received a green-and-white carnation along with their certificate of achievement and a Romulus Middle School "Bulldog" ink pen.

Parents in attendance were given an RMS Student of the Month "Bulldog" mug to recognize their support of the students.

Life Management classes provided the delicious refreshments.

Middle School Principal Ed Clark would like to congratulate the following Romulus Middle School Students of the Month (March): Jonathon Andrews, Jessica Aymer, Bridgette Broaden, David Brown, Paul Brown, Michael Bruckner, Desirae Butler, Jeremy Cantrell, David Cox, Brandon Demoisey, Andrew Foley, Ronald Ford, Bret Fowler, Michael Gauvin, Della Hamby, Bradley Hindman, Camorette James, Hilary Kozma, Jasmine Mark, Alexandria Odgers, Jesse Patterson, Nicole Perva, Donald Richison, Michelle Roberts, Da'Shalone Ross, Kristen Singer, Miyon Smith, Robert Smith, Shaun Somers, Jill Stefani, Johnson Watson, Davon Weatherholt, and Remone Young. □



Romulus Middle School's "Students of the Month" for March.

RHS Students Honored

During the month of March, teachers selected a total of 37 Romulus High School students to receive a "Student of the Month" award based on the youths' exceptional behavioral and academic performance. Students attending a brief ceremony in their honor received a certificate of achievement and, thanks to local sponsors, a \$50 U.S. savings bond.

Congratulations to the following Romulus High School Students of the Month (March): Christa Anderson, Kevin Baber, Corget Bailey, Brian Booker, David Bottenhorn, Lakrisha Broadnax, Gina Clark, Derek Cochran, Joshua Creith, Kimberly Daniels, Cassandra Dawson, Jennifer Evensen, Stephanie Fabinski, Kristin Godard, Chanté Graham, John Hadyniak, Stephen Harper, April Harris, Jewel Herring, Sharon Hill, Jamie Hool, Amy Hudson, Brandon James, Cykeia Lee, Marvin Madison, Roger Marion, Amarilis Martinez, Dejuan McClendon, Shawntee McPherson, Steven Mientkiewicz, Musoki Mulenga, Michael Mullins, Andrew Paultanis,

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RHS Student Wins Top Medal at State Music Festival



Sarah Weinschenk

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The Romulus High School Choir achieved a Division II rating at District Choral Festival, and the Romulus Middle School Combined Choir of seventh- and eighth-graders received a Division II rating, as well.

All students worked hard for these ratings. Their performance is particularly good considering that our schools have only one choir at each level, as compared with many other schools that have the enrollment to carry two to five choirs per school.

Congratulations to all vocal/choral music students! □

By Judy Barthwell

Romulus High School student Sarah Weinschenk won the blue medal award for achieving a number-one rating at this year's Michigan School Vocal Music Association's State Solo and Ensemble. This is the first year that Romulus has had an enrollee at the State level and a Division I winner.

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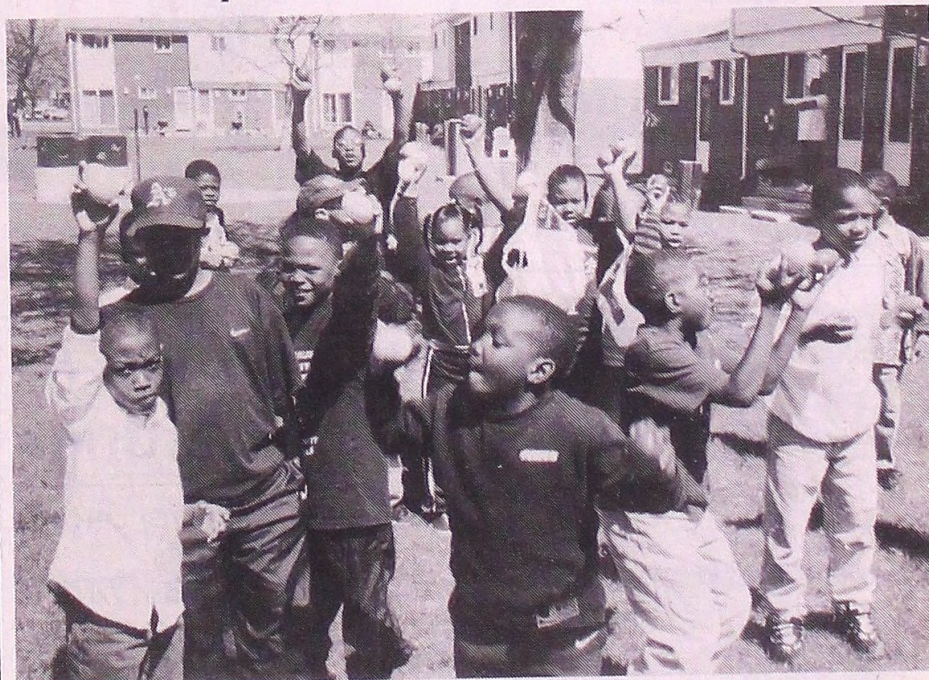
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LEAPFROG

Write the word(s) that fits definition #1 into the correspondingly numbered box. Next, drop one letter and anagram (rearrange) the remaining letters to find the answer to definition #2. Perform the same drop-a-letter/anagram procedure on word #2 to arrive at the answer to definition #3. Place the first dropped letter in the space to the left of answer #1 and the second in the space to the right of answer #3. Repeat this process on each line of the puzzle. If the puzzle is done correctly, the dropped letters, read from top to bottom, will spell out some timely phrases.

	1	2	3	
	4	5	6	
	7	8	9	
	10	11	12	
	13	14	15	
	16	17	18	
	19	20	21	
	22	23	24	
	25	26	27	
	28	29	30	
	31	32	33	
	34	35	36	
	37	38	39	

DEFINITIONS

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. Musical genre | 22. Crowns |
| 2. Rubbish | 23. Operatic solos |
| 3. Peter or Nicholas, for example | 24. Hall & Oates asked her to smile, in 1976 |
| 4. Breakfast fare | 25. Mouth organ |
| 5. Mexican dish | 26. Elbows, spirals, and shells |
| 6. It's south of Sicily | 27. He's known as the father of wireless communication |
| 7. Vice-president of the Romulus Board of Education | 28. Pass by, as time |
| 8. Exudes an offensive odor | 29. Entreaties; supplications |
| 9. Search for | 30. Mimics |
| 10. Greek philosopher | 31. Stuffing |
| 11. Barrymore or Fonda, for example | 32. Blueprints |
| 12. Responds to a stimulus | 33. Scorches |
| 13. Danish | 34. Wind instrument |
| 14. One who "takes the fall" | 35. Skulls |
| 15. Remain | 36. Pile of stones used as a memorial or grave marker |
| 16. Prepare for burial | 37. Linen |
| 17. Stroll | 38. He's widely regarded as the first person to reach the North Pole |
| 18. Gyro ingredient | 39. Pillage; plunder |
| 19. Cave in | |
| 20. Surgeon's blade | |
| 21. Coat components | |

YOU'LL FIND IT IN "PARENT"

How many words of four or more letters can you form using only the letters in PARENT? A letter can be used more than once only if it appears more than once. Proper nouns, obsolete and archaic words, slang and informal words, poetic words, hyphenated words, contractions, and foreign words are not permitted.

For our list of 33 words, plus the LEAPFROG solution, see page 10

French Teacher Discovers, Reveals a Local Treasure



Romulus High School French teacher, Rosa Russenberger (standing), works with District employee and continuing student Glodean Holt on her foreign-language lessons. "I think it is beautiful that she would volunteer her precious time to help me with my French," said Holt. "Mrs. Russenberger is truly a remarkable lady, and I thank her for what she is doing for me."

By Rosa Russenberger

Hidden away in the nooks and crannies of our school district are some real treasures waiting to be unearthed. I was fortunate to have happened upon one of these.

Back in September, 1997, I received a phone call from a person wishing to be tutored in French. This was an adult who was taking a college course in French and was seeking some additional help. Many of you may know Glodean Holt as a cafeteria employee. She is truly an interesting woman. In addition to her work at the High School, she is also employed at a hair salon in Grosse Pointe, where she has several clients who are French-speaking nurses living in Canada but working in Detroit. Holt first became interested in French when she attended cosmetology school in Montreal, Canada.

Thus began our weekly tutoring sessions. As time progressed, I was

happy to learn more about this frail yet incredibly strong woman. At an age when many would be enjoying the slower pace of their retirement years, Holt continues to pursue personal and educational goals. Undaunted by physical health problems, she is an inspiration to our students, with whom she has been practicing her French in the cafeteria.

The love of foreign languages has always been a part of Mrs. Holt's life, and one shared by her family as well. Her daughter, who works for the Air Force, speaks Spanish; her brother taught in Germany for the Army; and her uncle lived in French-speaking Uganda for eight years. Holt's interest has led her to pick up a little bit of all these languages.

In providing a service to Holt, I found myself equally enriched. It makes you wonder: how many more interesting people are among us, but, unfortunately, go unnoticed? □

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Answers

answers to puzzles from page 9.

LEAPFROG:

- 1) thrash; 2) trash; 3) tsar
 4) oatmeal; 5) tamale; 6) Malta
 7) Kesner; 8) reeks; 9) seek
 10) Socrates; 11) actress; 12) reacts
 13) pastry; 14) patsy; 15) stay
 16) embalm; 17) amble; 18) lamb
 19) collapse; 20) scalpel; 21) lapels
 22) tiaras; 23) arias; 24) Sara
 25) harmonica; 26) macaroni;
 27) Marconi
 28) elapse; 29) pleas; 30) apes
 31) dressing; 32) designs; 33) singses
 34) ocarina; 35) crania; 36) cairn
 37) napery; 38) Peary; 39) rape
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YOU'LL FIND IT IN "PARENT":

ante, aper, earn, nape, near, neat, pane,
 pant, pare, part, pate, pean, pear, peat,
 pent, pert, rant, rape, rapt, rate, reap,
 rent, tape, tare, tarn, tear, tern, trap,
 paten, prate, taper, entrap, trepan

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 Willard M. Bower
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Students Recognized for Honor Roll, Attendance

Congratulations to the following students who made the honor roll and/or perfect attendance lists during the third marking period of the 1997-1998 school year.

Barth Elementary

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE - I

(Note: Students recognized in this portion of "Striving for Excellence" are third- and fourth-graders who received an "A" or "B" in all subjects.)

Third Grade - Mrs. Abela

Leslie Hayes, Amanda Kreutzer, Brian Lomas, Alice Mattson, Kody McLaughlin, Jassmine Parks, Danica Porter, Stephanie Spoonamore, Jaclyn Van Meer, and Dakota Watson.

Third Grade - Mrs. Hall

Patrice Barden, Carissa Franklin, Tiffany Gray, Alysa Long, Anne Martin, Ashley Rose, Jodi Torres, and Caleb Wisterman.

Fourth Grade - Miss Fritz

Ronald Baker, Cachet Berry, Justin Boughton, Ventura Brohl, Jennifer Caloia, Dean Gilbert, Lindsay Green, Timothy Hammar, Susan Harden, Jeannie Hayes, Amanda Hollis, Jennifer Hunter, Jeanna Jendritz, Matthew Koester, Ronald Kreutzer, Ashley Moss, Anisa Rakic, and Thomas Robbins.

Fourth Grade - Mrs. Mientkiewicz

Megan Bearman, Bradley Bills, Jarran Booker, Brittney Cabral, Ronald Carter, Mari Clay, Katrina Culliff, Adam Davis, Katrell Duncan, Sara Hurt, Chrisma Nathaniel, Kristine Plank, Patricia Silvey, Skylar Winter, and Rebekah Wisterman.

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE - II

(Note: Students recognized in this portion of "Striving for Excellence" are third- and fourth-graders who received an "A" or "B" in reading or math; an asterisk denotes students who received an "A" or "B" in both reading and math.)

Third Grade - Mrs. Abela

Davun Baskerville, *Melissa Brewington, Kerri Britz, Courtney Hicks, *Andrew Hildebrandt, Joy Jendritz, Christopher Kellner, Julian Lee, *Fred Marciniak, *Ashley Martin, Jesse Sneath, and Lamar Williams.

Third Grade - Mrs. Hall

*Ashley Davis, Cordis Hayes, Marnae Robinson, LaJoya Rush, *John Shelly, Sunny Singh, and *Benjamin Tuttle.

Fourth Grade - Miss Fritz

Joshua McLaughlin, Brian Rak, and *Joshua Sawdy.

Fourth Grade - Mrs. Mientkiewicz

Joshua Carroll, Benjamin DeFelice, *Justin Ferrell, *Bradley Garland, Lynnette Glinski, Allison Greeno, *Kristopher Hindman, Kristina Pruett, *Jeremy Trevorow, and *Robert Wilson.

HONOR ROLL

(Note: An asterisk denotes those students who received all "A" grades.)

Fifth Grade - Mrs. Gursky

Kursha Bradford, Kelly Bunyak, Michael Capelli, Sara Cholette, Anica Coate, Mendell Fickling, Ashley Gorkiewicz, Benjamin Hohman, Elyse Hooks, Audra Howard, Devin Kemp, William Kolar, Porsche Laster, Julian Mitchell, Anjelique Moss, Christina Rocker, Jennifer Shelton, Avery Stephenson, Olivia Sylvester, and Natalie Watt.

Fifth Grade - Mr. Watson

*Jasmine Bennett, Stephanie Bishop, Michael Dotson, Jennifer Goss, Kevin Hamilton, Devony Kelbassa, Andrea Redding, Jessica Shelton, Dante Williams, and Ryan Witherow.

Sixth Grade - Mrs. Reott

William Boddie, Jr., *Carla Broom, Jessica Case, Jeff Crampton, Fallon Dailey, Karrah Duncan, Peter Elam, Ryan Ellis, Jessica Frost, Christopher Gamache, Stacey Gilbert, Sarah Herbert, Josiah Jendritz, Sandra McKinney, Kristi Rice, *Britany Sawdy, Jason Singleton, Patrecia Sucharski, and *Jon Taylor.

Sixth Grade - Mr. Watson

Lauren Block, Felicia Dailey, James Elam, Aaron Harden, Patrick McCollum, Suzanne Nehila, Lauren Romak, Cali Trevorow, Molly Tuttle, and Samantha Youtsey.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten "A" - Mrs. Richard

Curon Bradford, Joshua Harget, Malcolm Martin, Shawn Reeves, and Sheila Reeves.

Kindergarten "B" - Mrs. Richard

Nicole Hammar and John Nathaniel.

First Grade - Mrs. Street

Kyla Barker, Timothy Hopson, and Anthony Riopelle.

Second Grade - Ms. Bales

Jordan Bowden, Maura Harris, Stephanie Hildebrandt, Jesse Kennedy, and Justin Kuderik.

Second Grade - Mrs. Withey

Rashima Courtney, Stacy Fabinski, Jeremy Kirtley, Aaron Marion, and Joshua Zilka.

Third Grade - Mrs. Abela

Kerri Britz, Leslie Hayes, Julian Lee, Austin Mitchell, Jassmine Parks, Tracy Rose, Dakota Watson, and Lamar Williams.

Third Grade - Mrs. Hall

Karley Bodis, Derris Cooley, Cordis Hayes, Alysa Long, Christopher Powell, Marnae Robinson, Michelle Watt, and Anthony Williams.

Fourth Grade - Miss Fritz

Whitney Field, Tjuan Flowers, Dean Gilbert, Lindsay Green, Ashley Moss, Brian Rak, and Deep Singh.

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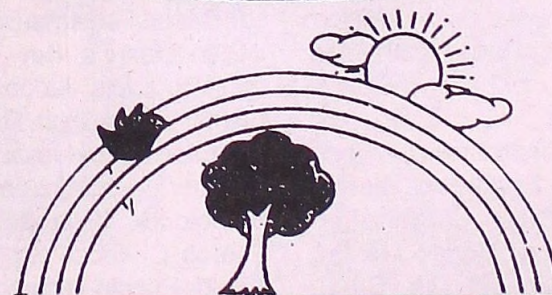
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Fifth Grade – Mrs. Gursky

Kursha Bradford, Michael Capelli, Sara Cholette, Anica Coate, Mendell Fickling, Shamara Hill-Harris, William Kolar, Porsche Laster, Vanessa Malloy, and Michael Pioli.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Watson

Jevon Edwards and Dante Williams.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Reott

Carla Broom, Karrah Duncan, Ryan Ellis, Jeff Hamilton, Jeremy Linderman, Muneera Marion, Jason Singleton, Jon Taylor, and Delores Williams.

Cory Elementary

HONOR ROLL

(Note: An asterisk denotes those students who received all "A" grades.)

Mr. Blackburn's Class

Randall Frye, Brandon Johnson, Shaenna Kettlewell, Shekiyah Taylor, Henry Wiggins, and Kiera Wilson.

Ms. English's Class

Lauren Belle, *Doloris Garry, Nicole Goodman, Alan Huguley, Kourtney Lester, Ann Ross, and Stephanie Schultz.

Ms. Gilkey's Class

Lindsay Allison, Delilah Brennan, Matthew Carr, Monica Cox, Brittany Johnson, Jessica LaBo, Carolyn Moore, Dijon Piggee, Amanda Shaffer, and Ian Vaughn.

Ms. Miller's Class

Tiffany Block, Monika Burgess, *Teela Carroll, Joshua Crozier, Lauryn Farkas, Danny Shinn, and *Kim Wilson.

Ms. Pluff's Class

Sarah Berger, Jason Burnette, Nicole Carroll, Katelyn Crozier, *Aleshia Fawthrop, Rebecca LaBo, *Aurielle McCauley, Ryann Norfleet, Justin Wasiak, and Theresa Windom.

Ms. Price's Class

Amber Cruce, *Yetunde Emanuel, Nicole Klages, Shane Lowrey, Tiffany Penn, Justin Sledd, Eric Smith, and Mariay Watt.

Mr. Smith's Class

Kim Atkins, Joshua Brown, Ahmad Caldwell, Theresa Chadwick, Jessica Deverich, Carissa Drobil, Christina Fulton, Corie McKendry, Bryant Mosley, Rebecca Oros, Jamie Ross, Sarah Schatilo, *Ryan Tackett, Darryl Vesey, and Marvin Wheeler.

Ms. Walker's Class

Michael Broadnax, Lloyd Fudge, Damien Harris, Melissa Hubbard, Lavar Mingo, Cashara Wallace, and Sherika Wester.

Ms. Walters' Class

Atari Burutolu, Tiffany Claiborne, *Megan Crozier, Jacob Frushour, Jessica Moore, Tamara Mrazik, *Arlennea Savage, Sarah Varga, and Antonia Walker.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Ms. Baluk's Class

Brian Cummings, Chris McGovern, Larry Nastal, Ryan Samuels, and Leroy Talley.

Ms. Barrs' Class

Meriah Chapman, Edward Hall, and Dillen Meinicke.

Mr. Blackburn's Class

Kiera Wilson.

Ms. English's Class

Doloris Garry.

Ms. Gilkey's Class

Carolyn Moore and Adrian Watson.

Ms. McCabe's Classes

Deondre Baker, Catherine Bratcher, Ashleigh Cofield, Ammie Gordon, Jasmine Harris, Mercedes Hawes, Dominique Holmes, Aaron Ladach, Emmanuel Sanders, Melissa Schmidt, Heather Schultz, and Levyar Yharbough.

Ms. Miller's Class

Teela Carroll and Kimberly Watson.

Ms. Murphy's Class

Christine Amis, Shannon Bratcher, Ronald Kersey, Ashley Meinicke, Tyler Slone, and Amanda Zavitz.

Ms. Pluff's Class

Ayla Bauer, Demetrious Fowler, Nicholas Harris, and Anthony Johnson.

Ms. Price's Class

Tiffany Penn.

Ms. Radovic's Class

Domaquai Fowler, Rebecca Hall, Kallie Harris, and Alicia Morgan.

Mr. Smith's Class

Corey Barden and Philip Martin.

Ms. Walters' Class

Megan Crozier, Kevin Reed, and Arlennea Savage.

Ms. Watson's Class

Chastity Beard, Trinity Pawelczyk, Jordan Reavis, and Ashley Robertson.

Wick Elementary

HONOR ROLL

(Note: An asterisk denotes those students who received all "A" grades.)

Third Grade

Shon Aggison, *Andrew Boyd, Jason Britton, Taniesha Burkes, LaRhonda Colvin, Joshua Dew, *Jennifer Dick, *Jessica Dick, Jacob Eggers, Jaclyn Evanski, Demaryst Garwood, Tatiana Gray, Jonathon Hensley, Michael Honto, Heather Kish, Joseph Krug, Brandi McGoldrick, *Brie McGoldrick, Ashley Pardon, Cherica Peoples, Darius Price, Darrius Pringle, Richard Remelius, *Alex Sampson, Monay Smith, Kandice Wells, Justin White, Shakita Wilson, and *Brittany Wright.

Fourth Grade

Curtis Adams, James Bell, *Lindsay Beggasy, Chad Blackburn, Merrika Brown, Gregory Clever, Janie Coursey, Dijon Deal, Samantha Elder, Jason Elwell, Matthew Gawne, Matthew Goley, Brittany Hampton, Octavia Hester, *Ashley Horyn, Dawan Jackson, Ashley Johnson, *Danielle Keller, Corey Koch, Monet McCroan, Krystal McKay, Joy McWil-

liams, Travis Parker, Rolanda Peamon, Amber Pouncey, Jonathan Rafalski, John Sandefur, Robert Staffieri, Siera Stewart, Raymond Stickler, Brian Thiede, Stephanie Williams, and Lola Wynn.

Fifth Grade

LaToya Allen, Tiara Anderson, Bryan Ashby, *Kristen Atchley, Horace Bains, *Brendan Boyd, Justin Chapman, Maurio Clark, David Coyne, Jeremiah Cross, Scott Denys, Raymond Dubisky, Randi Ferrebee, Lakesha Fuller, Crystal Hahn, *Sapphire James, Alyse Jones, *Stephen Kish, *Jared Kozma, Candace Lawrence, Kyerra Naugles, Eric Noyd, Jeffery Ottenbreit, Candace Parsons, Brandon Patrick, *Michelle Patterson,

*Shawn Perkins, Philip Roscoe, Shaunta Simon, Tiffany Smith, *Paulette Stanford, *Matt Steffani, Jamie Suiter, *Jessica Trahey, Lance Vaughn, Sarah Ward, and Janae Zimmerman.

Sixth Grade

Jason Andrews, Natalie Blake, Steven Bostain, Kristina Camilleri, Jessie Cox, Rhiannon Crawford, James Davis, Lauren Fox, Sabrina Gomes, Christian Hadden, Danielle Hendricks, Candice Howell, Brittni Lansbury, Shae-pree Lee, Sherelle Levi, Christopher Mills, JuJuan Mosby, Michael Polk, *Kristina Rafalski, Tiffiney Ramsey, Sara Schulz, Samantha Smith, Kevin Stickler, and Alyce Wesley.

Congratulations to all. □

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REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 23, 1998

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, March 23, 1998, at Merriman Elementary School, was called to order by President Julie A. Oleszkowicz at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed all members present. All administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Oleszkowicz.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

3/98/9 Moved by Kesner supported by Berlinn to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

3/98/10 Moved by Gondek supported by Webb to approve the Minutes of March 9, 1998, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

None.

Hiring of Wick Principal – Deborah Juriga

3/98/11 Moved by Gondek supported by Berlinn that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, and officially appoint Deborah Juriga as Principal of Wick Elementary School. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

3/98/12 Moved by Gondek supported by Lenossi to approve the Bills for Payment as submitted by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Report on Science – Phyllis Adkins, Chris Powers, and Daryl Kenyon

The above staff were present and updated the Board of Education on the science curriculum. They also responded to questions posed by various members of the Board.

Pumpkin Festival – Committee Report

3/98/13 Moved by Webb supported by Berlinn that the Board accept the recommendation of Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, and approve use of the old school field on Olive Street as per the attached request. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Playground Report

3/98/14 Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, discussed the need for resurfacing our playgrounds. There was no action taken.

Miscellaneous Items

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, discussed the following items with members of the Board of Education: 1) sending a student to the National Business Conference in Texas, and 2) college recruiters using our gym to interview students from throughout the area who have not already been offered scholarships.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Mrs. Julie Oleszkowicz praised Marge Bergman for the wonderful Alumni Dinner last Saturday.

Mrs. Judie Gondek reminded the Board that the musical *Pippin* would be presented this weekend and urged everyone to attend.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Members of the audience discussed their concerns as they relate to the operation of the School District with members of the Board of Education.

Executive Session

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

3/98/15 Moved by Gondek supported by Berlinn that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty M. Lenossi, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Community Calendar

- **Halecreek Elementary School Hosts Spring Fair** – Halecreek's PTG will hold its annual Spring Fair on Friday, May 1, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Plans call for lots to enjoy: food, games, a moonwalk, a cakewalk, a Beanie Babie raffle, and much more. The public is cordially invited to attend.
- **Parents Without Partners Group To Hold "Floral Fantasy Dance"** – The Downriver Chapter of Parents Without Partners (#369) is hosting a Floral Fantasy Dance at the Taylor Moose Lodge (located at 9981 South Telegraph, between Wick and Goddard, in Taylor) from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday, May 8. Admission is \$5 for members; \$7 for nonmembers. The event will feature music provided by D.J. Mark Ferguson as well as a cash bar. Preceding the dance, an orientation for prospective members will be held at 8 p.m.; a general membership meeting is set for 8:30 p.m. For information, call Membership Vice-president George Graff (313-388-8488).
- **Fish Dinner, Rummage Sale at St. Paul's** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Craig and Ellis streets in New Boston) will host a Fish Dinner (fried and baked fish, scalloped and French-fried potatoes, cole slaw, macaroni and gelatin salads, roll, dessert, and beverage) on Friday, May 8, from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets: \$7 for adults; \$4 for children ages five to 11. The Church will also host a Rummage Sale on Friday, May 15, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call the Church: 753-9048.
- **Pre-Mother's Day Ball** – The public is invited to attend a "Pre-Mother's Day Ball," which will be held at the Floyd B. Simmons Center (29150 Carlisle at Middlebelt in Inkster) on Saturday, May 9, beginning with dinner (7:30 p.m.), followed by gospel music (8:45 p.m.). Tickets (available at the door for \$10 per person; \$5 per child) cover admission, a flower for Mom, nonalcoholic "champagne," and a free raffle.
- **City-wide No-fee Yard Sale** – The annual City-wide No-fee Yard Sale weekend has been set for Thursday, May 28, through Sunday, May 31. (If two or more of the four dates are "rained out," the event will be postponed to the following weekend: June 4–7.) In order to give the Romulus Recreation Department adequate time to compile a list of sale sites and promote the event through flyers and local newspapers, Romulus residents must fill out their no-fee permit applications at the Recreation building (located at 36515 Bibbins in downtown Romulus) no later than Friday, May 15. Permits (and advertisement flyers) may be picked up at the Recreation office on the Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday before the sale begins. For more information, call the Recreation office: 942-6852.
- **City Sponsors Free Dumping** – The City of Romulus Department of Public Works (located at 34100 Goddard Road) has announced that Romulus residents will be able to take advantage of free dumping (no more than two loads per day) on the following dates: Saturday, May 30, and Saturday, June 6, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Monday through Friday, June 1–5, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Materials such as concrete, dirt, yard waste, liquid waste (petroleum products, paint, etc.), and large items (boats, sheds, cars/engines, etc.) won't be accepted; a maximum of four tires will be accepted (must be dumped separate from other debris); and all users must show proof of residency. Dumping area is entered "at your own risk." Children are not allowed in the dumpster area; unsupervised children are not allowed on the premises. For more information, call the DPW at 942-7579.
- **RHS Class of 1958 Reunion** – Romulus High School's Class of 1958 will hold its 30-year reunion on October 17, 1998. For more information, contact Carol Graczyk (734-427-7004) or Janet Miller (734-697-7483).
- **Alumni Information Sought** – Romulus High School is working with the Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc., to create an alumni directory. The goal of the project is to place all of the current residential and professional information on each of the school's graduates in one place. To make the directory as comprehensive as possible, the current names, addresses, and phone numbers of graduates from all class years are needed. Anyone with pertinent information should phone (800-654-4548) or FAX (800-829-4142) it to Harris Publishing, or mail it to Charlene Davenport (Publicity Coordinator, c/o Graduate Connection, Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, 22 Koger Center, Norfolk, Virginia 23502) as soon as possible.
- **Give Your Child a Head Start** – The Romulus Head Start program is currently accepting applications for eligible three- and four-year-old children. This free preschool program, located at Beverly School, serves children from low-income families, foster children, and children with disabilities. For more information, or to apply, call 728-7815.
- **Registrations Accepted at St. Aloysius School** – St. Aloysius Catholic School is now accepting registrations for the 1998–1999 school year for its all-day, five-day kindergarten program as well as for grades one through eight. The school is located near I-275 and I-94 in Romulus. For more information, call 941-3340.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar,
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Students Clean Up at Halecreek

By Cathy Kudra

In recognition of the importance of taking care of our environment and the pride that our students feel for their school, Halecreek sixth-graders helped some of the kindergarten children clean up the grounds around the school. The sixth-graders "buddied up" with the kindergartners to pick up papers, bottles, and other litter.

The kindergartners have been learning about ways to protect our earth and keep it nice for all of us. They mentioned some things they are doing to make our earth a better place.

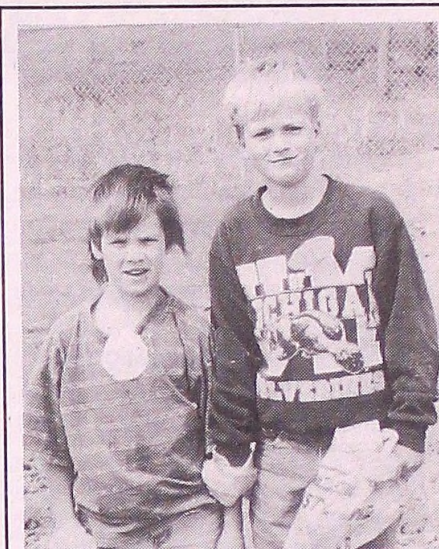
Justin Temple said, "I turn off the TV when I'm not looking at it. This will save electricity."

"I helped my buddy pick up papers to keep my school clean and beautiful," said Kaylynn LaBean.

John Lewis said, "Mrs. Kudra gave us a tree. I watered it so it will grow and make a place for birds to live."

"I can turn off the water when I brush my teeth," said Nichelle Flaishans.

Jennifer Mercer said, "I can take a shower because I don't use too much water. I always take a shower."



Halecreek kindergartner Kevin Lipkowski (left) with sixth-grade buddy Gary Tegge.

"My grandma always takes cans back to the store to get money," said Samantha Piro.

It is important that we all take care of the environment to make our world a better place. At Halecreek, children begin to learn about ways they can contribute to preserving the earth. □

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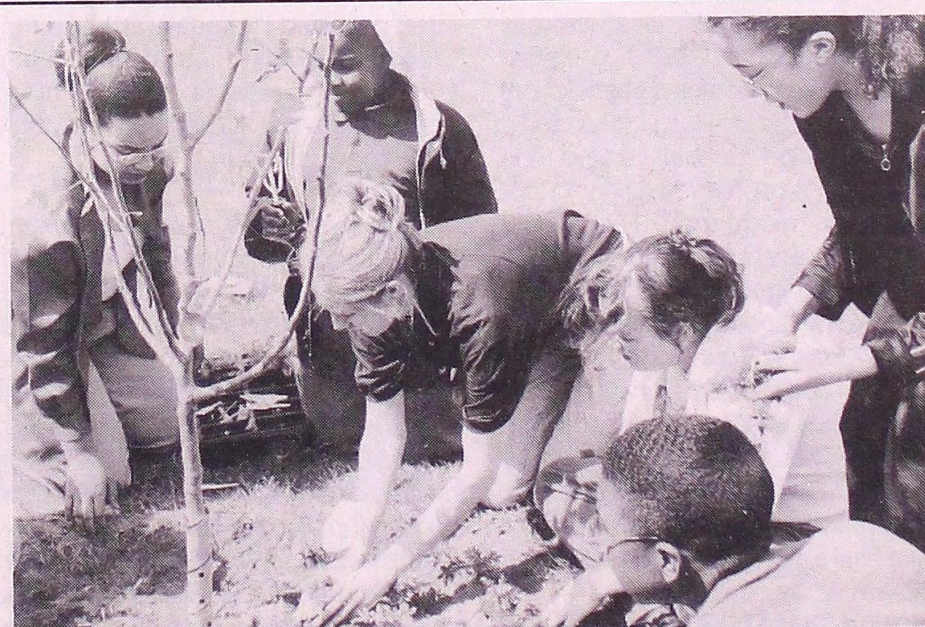
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Wick Celebrates Earth Day



Lisa Kerr (center), a teacher at Wick Elementary School, helps some of her students plant a Cleveland Pear tree in the front lawn of their school for Earth Day.

By Kristina Camilleri, Wick Student

Some of the fifth- and sixth-grade students at Wick School recently planted a Cleveland Pear tree and marigold flowers in the front of the school. The activity was held on Earth Day to remind

everyone that this land is to be saved for future generations.

We have been studying the environment in our classroom, so we will be able to give it all the sun, water, and loving care it needs. □

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(Note: For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in the month of May: Noel Baker, Jodi Dickason, Lola Diebel, Virgie Hood, Alfred McCulley, Dorothy Noland, William Noland, Verna Norris, Lewis Odom, Helen Rounke, and David Svacha.

Legal Aid

Wayne County residents who are at least 60 years of age can receive free legal assistance in most civil matters at a Legal Aid clinic to be held at the Romulus Senior Center on Wednesday, May 20, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Although no appointment is necessary, space will be limited to the first 25 people to come in and sign up.

Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Brian A. Oakley's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been set for Wednesday, May 13, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Romulus Senior Center.

Both walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (942-6852) are welcome.

Law Day Features Mock Trial

34th District Judge Tina Brooks Green will be joined by local attorney Brian Oakley, Romulus Police Officer Joe Richardson, Romulus High School government teacher Rod Hanna, and a number of High School seniors and senior citizens on Tuesday, May 12, for a Law Day "mock trial." The annual event has proven to be an enjoyable way to see our judicial system in action. Sign up early; space is limited.

Crime Watch: A Weather Eye

Officer Joe Richardson will discuss ways to safely weather a tornado strike at the next Crime Watch meeting, to be held at the Senior Center at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 27. Be sure to stop by and share any tips that you may have and learn a few new ones.

Guarding Tess

This month's \$1 movie at the Senior Center – *Guarding Tess*, starring Nicolas Cage and Shirley MacLaine – will be shown on the Center's big-screen TV at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 15. Refreshments will be served.

Mothers Honored at Senior Luncheon

The Romulus Senior Center's monthly luncheon – to be held on Friday, May 8, at 1 p.m. – will be the perfect opportunity to celebrate Mother's Day with old and new friends. The menu for the afternoon: chicken salad or tuna salad croissants, tossed green salad, and a light dessert. Cost: \$3.50 per person. Sign up at the Center.

Senior Picnic

Romulus High School students will be on hand to help with the Center's annual Senior Picnic, to be held at Elmer Johnson Park on Friday, May 22, beginning at 11 a.m. The day's menu will feature traditional picnic fare: hot dogs, potato salad, beans, chips, lemonade, and dessert. Lots of games are planned, too. There is no charge to attend the picnic, but early sign-up is encouraged because space is limited.

Shopping Trips

For a transportation cost of \$1.50, Romulus seniors can ride the Center's van on Wednesday, May 6, for shopping at Southland, and/or on Friday, May 15, for shopping at the Belleville Meijer. Space is limited; payment of the transportation fee reserves your seat on a first-come, first-served basis. No refunds will be made unless there is a waiting list. Sign up at the Center.

Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); exercise (Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); euchre (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); bingo (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); and pinochle (Thursdays at 1 p.m.).

Hot Lunch

For just \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call the Romulus Senior Center at least 24 hours in advance to make a reservation.

Home delivery of hot meals is also available for qualified individuals. For more information about "Meals on Wheels," call 1-800-851-1454.

Commodities Available at the Center

The Romulus Senior Center will be distributing commodities to qualified individuals on the third Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pre-registration (Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; bring proof of income) is required.

Next date: May 21. □

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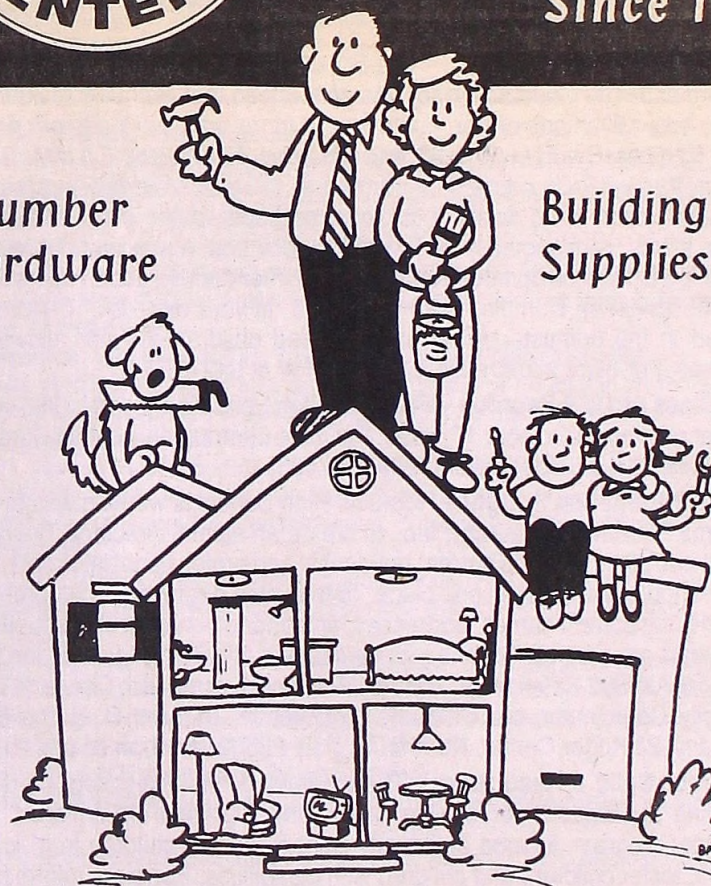
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City _____ State _____
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Attach any additional information
concerning the wedding or engagement to this form.

Obituaries

Irene V. (Helfrich) Dumont

Irene V. (Helfrich) Dumont of Romulus, Michigan, died on Saturday, April 25, 1998. She was 75 years old.

The native of McGregory, Ontario, Canada, was born on June 17, 1922.

Surviving Irene are four sons, John J. (Wayne, MI), Gary R. (Ypsilanti, MI), Ronald L. (Belleville, MI), and Larry A. Dumont (Westland, MI); three daughters, Mrs. John S. (Rosemary) Sharkany (Romulus, MI), Mrs. Chester (Connie) Poore (Corbin, KY), and Mrs. James (Josephine) Moore (Zephyrhills, FL); two brothers, Bob and Clarence Helfrich;

one sister, Mrs. Violet Valuet (Lake Port, MI); 24 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, John J. Dumont; one son; one brother; and two sisters.

Visitation was held at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI) on Monday, April 27, as well as at Oakley Funeral Home (Dade City, FL) on Thursday, April 30, prior to the funeral service. Pastor George White (Oakley Funeral Home) officiated.

Interment was at Chapel Hill Gardens (Dade City, FL).

Ola D. (Bell) Gamber

Ola D. (Bell) Gamber of Romulus, Michigan, died on Saturday, April 18, 1998, at the age of 85.

Ola, a homemaker, was born in Washington, Pennsylvania, on June 19, 1912, and graduated from her hometown's Trinity High School in 1930.

Surviving Ola are three sons, Fred P. Gamber (Monroe, MI), Danny C. Gamber (Romulus, MI), and David L. McCrory (Romulus, MI); two brothers, Frank C. (North Carolina) and Billy H. Bell (Washington, PA); two sisters, Mrs. Elaine Wright (Washington, PA) and Mrs. Midge Strachen (Meadowlands,

PA); eight grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Frank P. Gamber; one brother; and two sisters.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, April 20, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Pastor Marvin Hawbaker (Calvary Baptist Church, Romulus, MI) officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to Calvary Baptist Church.

Russell Luchinski

Russell Luchinski of Romulus, Michigan, died on Thursday, April 16, 1998. He was 81 years old.

Russell was born in Detroit, Michigan, on May 20, 1916. He and his wife, the late Endith Lenore Luchinski, were married on April 11, 1942.

Surviving Russell are one son, Kenneth R. Luchinski (Romulus, MI); two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by one son.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, April 18, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Father Richard Thomson (St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Romulus, MI) officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to the American Cancer Society. □

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